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Application of: Tugrul T. Kararli, *et al.*
Serial No: 10/031,898
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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the December 14, 2004 Office Action in the above-referenced patent application.

Amended claims begin on page 2.

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Application No. 09/874,504, and claims 1-58 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/113,157.

Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection. As noted above, claims 1, 3, 8-11, and 16-18 have been canceled, thereby mooting this rejection as to those claims. As to the remaining claims, neither U.S. Patent Application No. 09/874,504 nor U.S. Patent Application No. 10/113,157 has issued as a patent. As noted in MPEP §804(I):

[i]f the "provisional" double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining in that application, the examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent

In the instant application, the provisional double patenting rejection is the only rejection remaining. Accordingly, it should be withdrawn.

Because the provisional rejection must be withdrawn based on the above reason alone, Applicant makes no further representation as to the merits of the provisional rejection. In particular, Applicant makes no representation as to the merits of the statements in the Office action regarding whether the claims in this application are patentably distinct from the claims in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/874,504 or U.S. Patent Application No. 10/113,157.

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Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be allowed. Applicant requests that the Examiner call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

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